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SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL

FOR IO - ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS

1. FEBRUARY 23 VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDOUARD SAOUMA, EN ROUTE TO MEETING IN NEW YORK ON RESTRUCTURING OF UN, IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE BECAUSE IT MAY SET PATTERN OF US-FAO RELATIONS FOR NEXT SEVERAL YEARS IN FOOD-AGRICULTURE SECTOR THAT IS IN MANY RESPECTS CENTRAL TO U.S. MULTILATER DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. ALTHOUGH WELL-DISPOSED TOWARD UNITED STATES, SAOUMA IS INITIATING REORIENTATION OF FAO ACTIVITIES ALONG LINES THAT MAY LEAD OF CONFRONTATION WITH UNITED STATES, NUMBER ONE FINANCER OF FAO AND NUMBER ONE IN WORLD FOOD TRADE. SAOUMA IS PLANNING TO USE INCREASED FAO BUDGET TO PROJECT FAO INTO FUNDING ACTIVITIES, TO MEET UNDP RESOURCE GAP. HE HARBORS MANY LDC BIASES--AGAINST MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL BANKS, AND FOR INCREASED GRANTS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO LDC'S. HIS APPROACH IS THAT OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIAN, EMPHASIZING FIELD PROJECTS TO EXPAND PRODUCTION, AND DE-EMPHASIZING MACRO-ECONOMICS AND IDEOLOGY OR THEORY. HE IS STRONG-WILLED, DYNAMIC AND IMPATIENT, BUT HE GIVES HEARING TO VARYING POINTS OF VIEW.

2. IN PLANNING FOR VISIT, DIRECTOR-GENERAL IS FOCUSED ON SECRETARY BUTZ, FOR WHOM HE HAS HIGH REGARD, AND ON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WITH WHOSE OFFICIALS HE HAS HAD MANY CONTACTS IN PAST.

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HIS STAFF HAS BRIEFED HIM ON IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING CLOSE RE-

LATIONS ALSO WITH DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHICH OVERSEES U.S. ACTIVITIES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS--SPECIFICALLY WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND WITH NEW IO OFFICIALS AS WELL AS DR. MOREY.

3. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO WILL REPORT DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS ON SAOUMA'S OUTLOOK TOWARD UNITED STATES, MANAGERIAL STYLE, SELECTION OF FAO PERSONNEL, BUDGETARY PLANS, VIEWS ON INDUSTRY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AND FERTILIZER PROGRAM, ETC., IN PREPARATION FOR SAOUMA'S VISIT.

4. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RAISES QUESTION WHETHER DEPARTMENT WISHES HIM TO GO TO WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION IN PERIOD OF SAOUMA'S VISIT. ONE WEEK'S CONSULTATION AT THAT TIME WOULD NOT CONFLICT WITH ANY SCHEDULED CONFERENCES. VOLPE

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